

SELLING TRAVEL : NOVEMBER 2014
SIX OF THE BEST
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TITLE : KANSAS / OKLAHOMA

COPY : Whether your clients are here for horseback riding or history, Route 66 or music, the choice of hotels, B&B's and lodgings is spectacular! Matt Bates chooses 6 (actually, 24!) of the best in Kansas / Oklahoma

1. LAP OF LUXURY Of course Kansas and Oklahoma - two states in the very heartlands of the US - are known for being genuinely friendly and informal, but we're also home to some splendid, luxurious hotels, resorts ... and even B&B places, offering '5-star' facilities and fine dining

The Canebrake Resort, Wagoner OK / www.thecanebrake.com
The Skirvin Hilton, Oklahoma City OK / www.skirvinhilton.com
Casa Somerset B&B, Paola KS / www.casasomerset.com
The Eldridge, Lawrence KS / www.eldridgehotel.com

2. RUSTIC RANCHES In Kansas and Oklahoma, our ranches are the real deal; running longhorn cattle, working with horses and offering guests a genuine ranch experience - from leisurely trail rides to cattle drives; from helping tend the animals to eating round the family table

Moore Ranch, Bucklin KS / www.moorelonghornranch.com
Flying W Ranch, Cedar Point KS / www.flinthillsflyingw.com
Island Guest Ranch, Ames OK / www.islandguestranch.com
Haverstreng Guest Ranch, Stratford OK / www.travelok.com/listings/viewprofile/id.19325

3. COOL & CHIC Get married in Western style at a genuine Kansas ranch; eat the finest 'farm to plate' steak; stay in world-famous architect Frank Lloyd-Wright's futuristic, art deco skyscraper, or chill out along Route 66 in Tulsa, OK, in the coolest of cool boutique hotels

The Campbell Hotel, Tulsa OK / www.thecampbellhotel.com
The Inn at Price Tower, Bartlesville OK / www.pricetower.org
The Grand Central Hotel, Cottonwood Falls, KS / www.grandcentralhotel.com
Circle S Guest Ranch, Lawrence KS / www.circlesranch.com

4. CHEAP & CHEERFUL ... and quirky, to say the least! These Kansas and Oklahoma lodgings are full of character, but also great value, evoking the Heartland States' fascinating history - and 'green' future ... and they do say Bonnie & Clyde once stayed in one of Medicine Park's unique cabins

Hedricks Exotic Animal Farm B&B, Nickerson KS / www.hedricks.com
Silo Eco-Home, Greensburg KS / www.greensburggreentown.org/silo-eco-home

Lake Murray Floating Cabins, Ardmore OK / www.oklahomabedandberth.com
Medicine Park Cabins, Medicine Park OK / www.medicinparkrentals.com

5. STATELY & GRAND Grace and character ooze from the very walls of these superb hotels in Kansas and Oklahoma. Quiet, understated, elegant service is something well understood here, yet the warmth and friendliness that characterise our two states are never forgotten and always in evidence

The Ambassador, Oklahoma City, OK / www.ambassadorhotelcollection.com/oklahomacity
The Atherton at OSU, Stillwater OK / www.athertonhotelatosu.com
The Bluemont Hotel, Manhattan KS / www.bluemonthotel.com
The Ambassador, Wichita KS / www.ambassadorhotelcollection.com/wichita

6. SPECTACULAR SPAS If ever proof were needed that all Spas are not the same, these four memorable hotels in Kansas and Oklahoma offer a wide range of treatments in spectacularly diverse surroundings, ranging from the small, family-owned Echo Canyon to the unique and characterful Chateau Avalon

Courtland Hotel & Aveda Spa, Fort Scott KS / www.courtlandhotel.com
Chateau Avalon, Kansas City KS / www.chateauavalonhotel.com
Echo Canyon Spa Resort, Sulphur OK / www.echocanyonmanor.com
The Artesian Hotel, Casino & Spa, Sulphur OK / www.artesianhotel.com